

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer program tangibly embodied on computer-readable medium ~~or propagated signal having embodied thereon a computer program configured to receive information from a user, for use in generating data subscriptions, the medium or signal comprising one or more code segments~~ that is configured to, when executed:

receive ~~[[an]]~~ a user input identifying a type of data to be distributed to data sites;

receive ~~[[an]]~~ a user input identifying a distribution criterion that defines the basis upon which the type of data is to be distributed to the data sites, the distribution criterion comprising a query executable against portions of the application data; ~~[[and]]~~

store the type of data to be distributed and the distribution criterion for use in generating data subscriptions in a network of distributed computer systems operating an application program having application data of various data types~~[[.]]; and~~

generate ~~wherein the data subscriptions are generated~~ based on the type of data to be distributed to data sites and the distribution criterion.

2. (Currently amended) The medium ~~or signal~~ of claim 1 wherein the type of data to be distributed to data sites comprises a business object type.

3. (Currently amended) The medium ~~or signal~~ of claim 1 wherein the type of data to be distributed to data sites comprises a publication.

4. (Currently amended) The medium ~~or signal~~ of claim 1 wherein the distribution criterion comprises an attribute of the type of data to be distributed.

5. (Currently amended) The medium ~~or signal~~ of claim 1 wherein the distribution criterion comprises a distribution criterion based on a relationship of data with an employee that uses a data site.

6. (Currently amended) The medium ~~or signal~~ of claim 1 wherein the distribution criterion comprises a distribution criterion based on a responsibility of an employee that uses a data site.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for receiving information from a user for use in generating data subscriptions, the method comprising:

receiving ~~an a~~ a user input identifying a type of data to be distributed to data sites;

receiving ~~an a~~ a user input identifying a distribution criterion that defines the basis upon which the type of data is to be distributed to the data sites, the distribution criterion comprising a query executable against portions of the application data; ~~[[and]]~~

storing the type of data to be distributed and the distribution criterion for use in generating data subscriptions in a network of distributed computer systems operating an application program having application data of various data types~~[[,]]; and~~

~~wherein the data subscriptions are generated~~ based on the type of data to be distributed to data sites and the distribution criterion.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the type of data to be distributed to data sites comprises a business object type.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the type of data to be distributed to data sites comprises a publication.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the distribution criterion comprises an attribute of the type of data to be distributed.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the distribution criterion comprises a distribution criterion based on a relationship of data with an employee that uses a data site.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the distribution criterion comprises a distribution criterion based on a responsibility of an employee that uses a data site.

16-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A system for receiving information from a user for use in generating data subscriptions, the system comprising a processor connected to a storage device and one or more input/output devices, wherein the processor is configured to:

~~receive information from a user, for use in generating data subscriptions, the medium or signal comprising one or more code segments configured to:~~

receive [[an]] a user input identifying a type of data to be distributed to data sites;

receive [[an]] a user input identifying a distribution criterion that defines the basis upon which the type of data is to be distributed to the data sites, the distribution criterion comprising a query executable against portions of the application data; [[and]]

store the type of data to be distributed and the distribution criterion for use in generating data subscriptions in a network of distributed computer systems operating an application program having application data of various data types[[.]]; and

~~wherein the generate~~ data subscriptions ~~are generated~~ based on the type of data to be distributed to data sites and the distribution criterion.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the distribution criterion comprises a distribution criterion based on a relationship of data with an employee that uses a data site.